

Conlon learns new position

"I feel like the new students, anxious about what I might forget and how to do things," said Pat Conlon, Dean of Student Development.

Conlon replaced Sister Therese Mackin, who was Dean of Students last year, when she retired and when the title was changed to Dean of Student Development. Conlon worked in the counseling center at Clarke last year.

"The other people I work with have had to adjust more than me. We are learning to work together and they are very patient. I keep learning and learning," Conlon said.

University in San Diego.

"When I came back, lots of things happened all at once. The opportunity was a good chance for me to do my own thing," Conlon said.

His own thing he explains is studying the development of the human potential found in everyone.

"I love finding people and helping them grow interested in ways of living that reach way beyond themselves," Conlon said.

Conlon, President Meneve Dunham, Tom McCarver, Academic Dean, Louise Ottavi, and Jan

Childey, of continuing education attended a conference at Bradley University this summer. At the conference the team set up goals for Clarke to obtain. The first goal was to design a process that will create one human development approach for the community. In order to do this though the community has to decide what traits or outcomes it feels is important for a graduate to have.

fifth is to see how he can work towards making this a more exciting place to live.

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Conlon has enjoyed the change from counselor to dean because "it is a change, it was a risk, but I am deeply interested in the students as to who they are, how they are, how we can work together and what they are interested in. The opportunities are broader and there is still some counseling, but it is different. It's people who might have problems in designing an event. I am more involved in the whole life of the college," said Conlon.

"I am still learning. The staff is developing new ways of working with each other. They are helping me in knowing how we keep doing what is valuable and find ways to look at what might need improving. Sister Therese knew well what had to be done and how certain things worked, since I don't know it gives me the opportunity to involve others in reviewing what has to be done, finding out how to do it, carrying it out and evaluating it," said Conlon.

Conlon enjoys music, sports, plays and travelling as part of his "own thing" too, but in his spare time, which he admits hasn't been much lately.

"There is super support and it's interesting to be with so many different people and hear their stories and trials and watch them and help them figure out how they can better get to where they want to be," Conlon said.



Pat Conlon, Dean of Student Development, helps Brigit Barnes CSA President prepare for the upcoming year.

Title III grant benefits computer science and nursing programs

The computer science and nursing programs will benefit most from the \$100,000 grant awarded to Clarke from the U.S. Department of Education's Title III program to strengthen developing institutions. Approximately 60 per cent of the grant will be used in these areas with the remainder being used to strengthen Clarke's student advising and basic skills programs, its management information systems and its faculty and administrative staff development effort.

"We'll soon be saying good-bye to the IBM 360's," said Sister Mary Kenneth Keller, director of the computer center. The IBM 360 will be replaced by a newer model with an on line terminal. This means that the program can be entered right

onto the main system. Sister Kenneth anticipates that the final installation will be in March. Plans have already begun for the switch.

An additional full time teacher will be added to the computer science staff in January, bringing the staff up to five full time instructors and two part-time. There are approximately 400 computer science students, which Sister Kenneth states is as many as can be handled. Sister Kenneth said that by being trained on the new computers the students will be more prepared for the type of computer they will more likely find in the job market.

The nursing department will use their portion of the grant to develop curriculum for and hire faculty to teach reproductive health.

Clarke anticipates cuts in federal aid

Clarke is one of the many private colleges anticipating cuts in federal student aid programs in the coming year. Since these cuts go into effect on October 1, they will not reduce student's financial aid packages for this year, but the cuts will definitely affect students next year.

Clarke students receive federal funding from five basic programs: the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), the Basic Education Opportunities Grant (BEOG), the Supplemental Education Opportunities Grant (SEOG), and the Work Study Program.

According to Sally Harris, financial aid director, and Sister Michail Geary, who previously held that position, Clarke students will probably be mostly affected by reductions in the NDSL and GSL programs.

Under the GSL, the federal government insures loans that banks make to students and pays the nine percent interest on them while the students are in school. Now,

however, eligibility limits are being placed on the students. Unless sufficient need can be proven, students will not be eligible for the GSL program if the total family income is \$25,000 or more.

The Work-Study and SEOG programs remain essentially unchanged, but the BEOG will be cut to a maximum of \$1,650 per students per year -previously the limit was \$1,900.

Since about three-quarters of the Clarke students receive some kind of financial aid, these cuts will in some way affect most of the student body.

"The middle income people will be hurt the worst," Sister Michail said. "And the majority of our students are middle income."

One way in which Clarke plans to compensate for the loss of federal money is by depending more on the Alumni Fund for scholarships. This year, the goal for the Alumni Fund has been set at \$120,000 and all of this money will be allocated for

scholarships.

Private colleges are especially apprehensive about the cuts in federal aid, since the students in these colleges are more dependent on federal loans and grants to pay their higher tuitions.

The NDSL provides grants to colleges which, in turn, lend the funds to the students at four percent interest. Last year, Clarke received \$58,000 from the government to be used in the NDSL program. This year, however, Clarke's NDSL allotment has been cut to \$40,000 - and the program is scheduled to be phased out over the next four years.

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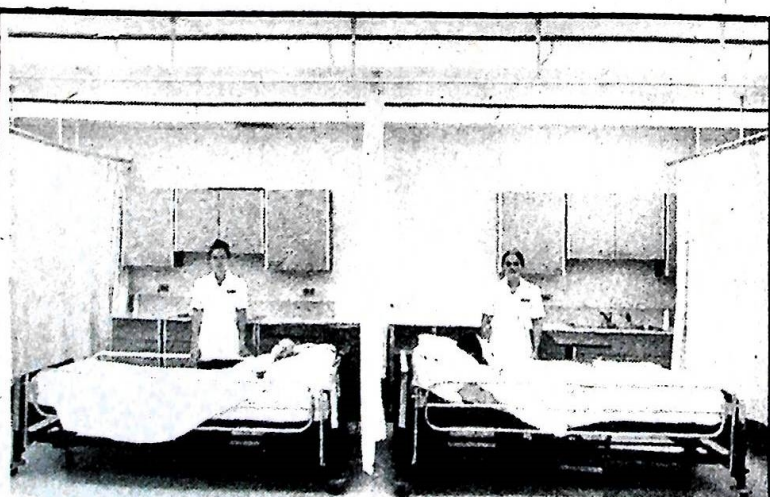
Conlon is originally from Dubuque. He was away for several years, but came back eight years ago when he was offered a job with the Youth Services System.

The Youth Services System was a city wide project focused on the needs of young people. The service included young people on their board of directors, committees and teams.

"We were trying to improve the quality of life as a whole for young people in Dubuque. The whole system was examined as well as each special area like families, schools and other parts of the community so we could make changes to better meet the needs of the young people so they could grow," Conlon said. Conlon did his undergraduate work at Loras. He then did some more studying at the United States International

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"We've already started trying to discover what those traits are. The traits, or outcomes, are ones that we feel will contribute to a person being more effective when living in the world," said Conlon. The second goal is to find a replacement for Conlon's old position of counselor; the third is to find ways to enhance all the students and faculty so they learn to understand their own wants and needs and how to attain these wants and needs; the fourth is to Conlon to learn the system and the



Nursing students work in the lab that the grant money helped pay for.

photo by David Fyten

Nursing Department receives \$2,478.

A Capitation Grant of \$2,478, will be given to the Clarke Nursing Enrollment in the Nursing Program. The grant is given will be used for the purchase of through the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

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REVIEW

"Stripes" makes good choice for ridiculousness

By Kay Winter

Stripes is an entertaining comedy starring Bill Murray and a collection of characters known as "bravo company." Each of these gems joined the army for diverse reasons; Bill Murray because he blew off his cab-driving job and lost his girl both in the same day. What other choice did he have? Join the army! Not content to enlist alone, Murray convinces his friend to join, too. Of course the two remain buddy-buddy throughout the movie.

The movie focuses around the development of morale within "bravo company." When their drill sergeant fails to work the company up to army par, Bill Murray steps out front to brand the troop with his own peculiar idea of "esprit de corps."

One time, after an exhaustive

march, Bill Murray leads the company in a weary rendition of the recruiting song: "Army! Navy! Air Force! Marines! What a great way - it's a great way of life!" This scene struck me as tongue-in-cheek because Murray's own loud-mouthing to the sergeant got the company an extra ten miles.

In another scene, Murray drills the company with a set of bizarre (however hilarious) marching and drill songs. From this comes the famous "substitute salute" of the movie: "That's a fact Jack!" hollered with honor to a commanding officer reviewing the troops on parade.

I found one recurring irritation in *Stripes*. The movie portrayed women as either hard-nosed, "libbers" (two female M.P.'s) or

bikini "playdolls" wrestling each other in a pile of mud. The mud-wrestling scene degraded women by making them ninnys and shrews, jumping and screaming in mud. By the way, Bill Murray and friend eventually woo the two M.P.'s to bed, a typical turn of plot for a summer comedy.

However, the rest of the movie is entertaining, largely due to the goofy comedy of Bill Murray. *Stripes* may not be the same caliber of satire as *Saturday Night Live* (Murray's old show) but Murray is still the grinning fool who gets the laughs. The movie would be nothing without his strange concept of humor.

Totally off the wall, totally hilarious, *Stripes* makes a good choice if you're in the mood for ridiculousness.

as i see it

Activities are right under your nose

By Gina Seattone

Are you trapped by the Wednesday night beer blues? Do 25 cents draw sound more attractive than a free concert of Beethoven Sonatas? Have you found yourself expressing a need for stimulation in Dubuque?

The alternatives to taking a hike to the bars is often right here on Clarke's campus, if not close by. Although they are publicized, the activities that Clarke and Dubuque offer often go without a second glance from students. Then while talking about Dubuque, these same students express how boring it is here and the only thing to do is go to bars. I know, I was guilty of the same complaint. But it's not true. Dubuque and Clarke College have more than enough to offer. My problem now is finding enough time to do everything.

EVERYTHING? What can you do when you've been to Kennedy Mall, walked around Town Clock Plaza, played pool and Pac Man at the bars, and got sick from late night munchies at Perkins?

First of all there are great movies in Dubuque. A lot of movies are tested here before reaching some of the larger cities like Chicago or Des Moines. On Saturdays you can catch the Keyline Bus up to the Mall and go to a matinee price showing. With no money or car, it fits right into a college budget.

Also on Saturdays, weather permitting, Dubuque has a Farmers Market down on Central, just South of Loras Boulevard. If you are from a city or a metropolitan area, the Market will be a refreshing experience. There is plenty to buy at low, more than affordable prices. I bought a large jade plant for \$1.25 and a bouquet of flowers for \$1.00. The lady who sold me the flowers said that the people come from miles outside of Dubuque to sell their goods. You can find cheese, sausage, fruits, vegetables, homemade bakery items, wood carving, and handcrafts. There were charity raffles and booths for the Riverfest that starts this weekend.

Tomorrow the Market will be packed with things to buy to compliment the Fest. People set up at the crack of dawn, so you can go down early in the morning and eat breakfast and walk around. With all the excitement of the Riverfest downtown, nobody should be bored this weekend.

But how about next week? Clarke is always trying to keep up with the demand for entertainment. Of course there are things like TGIF and occasional union parties and films. But there great times that a lot of people ignore. Clarke offers free concerts, performances, and special events. Senior per-

formances will be starting in a while and there are always meetings going on that are often open to new people.

So many times we all walk by a sign inviting us to come have a good time, and we pass up the opportunity to quit saying we are bored here. It's so easy to say we'll go out for a drink instead. Actually it's just as easy to say we'll go listen to speaker down at Five Flags Theater. Last week I joined two friends who were assigned to listen to David Toma speak. He is the man of whom they based the series, Toma and Baretta on. It was an inspirational speech that reached out directly to our age group. We walked down town to save money on cab fare, and admission was free. The whole evening was educational, entertaining and affordable.

One of Clarke's most unique characteristics is the large number of people who are here because they want to learn, develop as individuals, and have a good time doing both. As I look around me at Dubuque, and at Clarke College, I see that we really do have opportunities to keep us busy. Next Wednesday night when your beer mug is pressed up against your lips, go ahead - give it a try. Remove your mug long enough to look around and see all the activities in Dubuque and on campus that are right under your nose.

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COMMENT

Men getting raw deal?

"I'm from an all girls' school...." Pardon me, but didn't Clarke go co-ed in 1978 and currently aren't there 150 men registered at Clarke.

For some of the die hards Clarke's going co-ed has caused some problems, for others it has been easy. The Clarke men have become brothers and good friends.

The men are nice enough to drive you to the doctor's when you are sick, protect you from the Duhawks at Union parties or at Gomer's and are around for a good, clean, fun game of football. So why do we insist on putting them down with our adopted "school" song.

Their life hasn't been easy. They are sung to by fraternity men, told they live in the "ice palace" and generally made a joke of. The men have listened to us complain that there aren't any decent guys in Dubuque, or how Loras, or is it Dubuque, are better than the other and have thought more than once, what is wrong with themselves.

The men at Clarke aren't "the dumb jock" types. How could they be when there are no male sports at Clarke, yet they support the teams at Clarke and help even at practices. They came to Clarke for the same reasons we did, its academic and friendly atmosphere.

There is always the other side of the coin, especially where tradition comes to play. The men could come up with their own song to sing, but how would the women feel?

I think the time has come for building new traditions in fairness to the old ones. If we want Clarke to be a truly co-ed school we need to establish a rapport with the men outside the classroom as well as in.

If you were a prospective male student and heard that "there's not a guy in the vicinity" as you sat at the table with them at dinner would you be compelled to come to Clarke seriously?

All things considered the men have been pretty understanding up to this point, but they have been making subtle hints that they may not take much more of this treatment. For example, their getting up and walking out of the Union last Wednesday night, when that song was sung and others. Let's have a little consideration for them and make Clarke a good experience for everyone, or we may lose the only men we have.

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Spain is magic for Blake

Sandi Blake, senior at Clarke, left at the end of last August for a school year of studying in Spain. "It was a magical experience," said Blake. Blake found out about the trip from Sr. Lucilda O'Connor. So far at least one student a year has entered this program.

"I had a bad experience when the first plane I was supposed to have flown on, took off early, leaving me the only option of flying on a plane with all Spaniards," said Blake.

After arriving in Spain and being taken to St. Louis University, where she would dorm with only seven other Americans and 150 Spaniards, she discovered things to be quite different from the United States. The teachers were all Spanish and the University was run similar to an American school except everything was taught in Spanish. Blake took philosophy courses and Spanish literature courses, in which she was required to read "Don Quixote in old Spanish. Blake feels that it was good to have classes taught in Spanish because it forced her to speak the language almost constantly.

Blake found Spaniards to be quite political. "Everyone, even younger students have interest in it. Under Franco there were no political parties but after his death, political parties involved unions, communist and socialist parties, left and right wing parties, and pro Franco parties," said Blake. Blake enjoyed their interest in politics since she, herself is interested and was impressed when her friends celebrated the election of Reagan.

"Spaniards think of the United States as the big Democratic model and most Spaniards would like Spain to go to a Democratic policy. Still there is some opposition by left wing extremists, who want our three American airforce bases, located in Madrid, Zaragoza, and Cadiy, to be cleared out," said Blake.

Blake said the one thing she didn't comprehend were the dorm rules. "The dorms which were on University property but privately owned had rules set so that girls could go up into boys dorms with an escort but guys couldn't go into girls' dorms at all. There was only a room key and no dorm key. If you were late getting back, after 2 a.m., you didn't get in for the night."

Meals were; breakfast hours 8:00-9:00 a.m. and consisting of rolls and coffee. Lunch, the big meal of the day, was served at 2:00 p.m., then at 7:00 p.m. coffee and rolls were served again and at 10:00 p.m., the night meal consisting of eggs, omelettes and drinks were served. Beer was considered a four meal drink and wins was also served at breakfast. The bars were like snack bars over here, and cafeterias were sit down Country Kitchen style. "The food unlike what most Americans think, is very bland, and there are McDonalds, Burger Kings, Wendy's Kentucky Fried Chicken, and also Pizza Huts," said Blake.

The instance Blake liked least about her time in Spain, was the National Polices policy of protection by using machine guns. Spaniards are used to the sight but Blake, said that she was frightened by the sight. "However, this type of law enforcement must be effective because there is a low crime rate despite high unemployment, and most murders committed are politically tied," said Blake.

"Unlike Americans who live to work, Spaniards work to live. But all in all life isn't bad for college students," said Blake, "I just have two more goals to reach now. One, to have my friends visit the United States and two go back to Spain again someday."



Freshmen welcome gives view of Clarke

The Freshmen welcome was a variety show of skits explaining what life at Clarke College is really like or appears to be. The skits included "Soul Nun", "College Nights" and "Memories."

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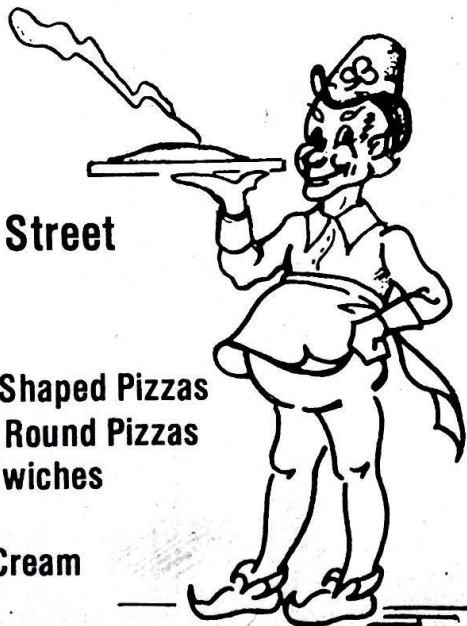
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